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Responsive to the Office Action mailed 3/8/2005, Applicant submits the following in complete response thereto, and requests reconsideration of the Claims presented.

Amendment

Please amend the Claims as shown on the attached sheets.

Please amend the Drawings as shown on the attached sheets.

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This Response is filed on within the fourth month of the mailing of the Office Action. Accordingly, a one month extension is requested, at \$60 at the applicable small entity rate. The Director is hereby authorized to charge that fee, and charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments, to deposit account 502443.

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In the Drawings.

Applicant submits herewith 1 replacement sheet showing Figure 11f, as requested by the Office.